MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT BERRY'S CREEK STUDY AREA (BCSA) SUPERFUND SITE HACKENSACK MEADOWLANDS, NEW JERSEY

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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 39 of the AOC for the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) (May 8, 2008) for the Berry's Creek Study Area (BCSA) Superfund Site, this Monthly Progress Report (MPR) was prepared for submission to the USEPA and NJDEP. The reporting in this MPR tracks the tasks in Appendix B - Statement of Work (SOW) of the RI/FS AOC.

I. ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2016

A. Access

• No additional access requirements were identified in July 2016.

B. Remedial Investigation (RI) Activities

- No field activities were conducted in July 2016.
- The BCSA Group submitted the draft RI appendices in July 2016, except for, as agreed with the USEPA Remedial Project Manager, the responsiveness summary (Appendix A), and the baseline human health and ecological risk assessments (Appendices M and L). These risk assessment appendices will be submitted by August 31 and September 30, 2016, respectively, consistent with the approved RI/FS Schedule. The responsiveness summary will be submitted by early September.

C. Modeling Activities

• No modeling activities took place in July.

D. Feasibility Study (FS) Activities

- The BCSA Group has initiated the preparation of a RI/FS Work Plan Addendum to evaluate potential remedies for source control, as requested by the USEPA in its June 13, 2016 letter to the BCSA Group.
- The Project Coordinator in coordination with the USEPA Remedial Project Manager continued tracking potential flood mitigation work by NJDEP Rebuild by Design staff and their contractor.
- The BCSA Group continued preparation of responses to the USEPA comments on the Development and Screening of Remedial Alternatives Memorandum (DSRAM).

E. USEPA Coordination and Oversight

- The Project Coordinator for the BCSA Group regularly communicates with the USEPA Remedial Project Manager (RPM) on the coordination of project activities.
- The Project Coordinator provided suggestions to the RPM for the 2016 Community Relations Update.

• The Project Coordinator will coordinate baseline monitoring oversight with the USEPA's contractor.

II. DATA RECEIVED OR GENERATED DURING THE PREVIOUS MONTH

• No laboratory data were received in July 2016.

III. <u>DESCRIPTION OF WORK PLANNED FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS</u>

• RI/FS Activities:

- The draft RI Report baseline risk assessment appendices will be submitted to the USEPA.
- The draft responsiveness summary appendix to the RI will be submitted to the USEPA.
- o Baseline monitoring of surface water and fish will be conducted in August.

• Treatability Study/Pilot Study (TS/PS):

• Analysis of the physical, chemical and biological 2015 PS data will continue along with preparation of a report on the TS/PS findings.

• Development and Screening of Remedial Alternatives Memorandum (DSRAM):

• The BCSA Group will submit responses to the USEPA comments on the DSRAM.

• Feasibility Study

- The draft RI/FS Work Plan Addendum will be submitted to the USEPA.
- Scoping of the detailed analysis of remedial alternatives will continue.

IV. SCHEDULING, SCHEDULING ISSUES, AND SOLUTIONS

No schedule-related issues arose in July 2016.